

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

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WSDOT Construction Activity & Possible Delays/July 1-11, 2004

Holiday Travel Alert: For the most part, active construction work is not planned during the July 4th holiday weekend. Long-term traffic revisions such as those on I-90 in east Spokane will remain in effect.

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SR 21/Columbia River (Keller Ferry) to Republic (MP 106-160)-Chip seal and fog seal work will be underway. While work is underway, motorists can expect loose gravel and/or fresh oil on the roadway. Expect possible slow, single-lane traffic controlled by flaggers or pilot cars. This work requires dry weather.

SR 28/Harrington to Davenport (MP 117-130)- Guardrail and chip seal work is underway. During this work, motorists can expect loose gravel and fresh oil on the roadway. Expect possible slow, single-lane traffic controlled by flaggers or pilot cars. All paving work is dependent on weather.

HIGH IMPACT!! I-90/Adams County Line to Spokane County Line (MP 239-255)- Rock blasting is complete but other earthwork continues. Paving is underway. Motorists should expect eastbound and/or westbound lane restrictions. Note: The legal speed limit is reduced to 55 mph when lane restrictions are in place. These speed limit changes will be noted by signage when in effect.

HIGH IMPACT!! I-90/Argonne to Sullivan (MP 287-292)- Concrete paving is underway. Work will not impact freeway traffic however increased construction activity adjacent to the freeway lanes may distract drivers. Intermittent nighttime on and off ramp restrictions are possible to move paving equipment from one location to another. In general, travel lanes are 11 feet wide. Inside and outside shoulders are 2 feet wide with concrete barriers in place. On-ramp merging distance is reduced. The eastbound Evergreen on-ramp is closed. Motorists need to be **extremely alert** within this work zone and be on a special lookout for vehicles slowing ahead near on ramps. Lanes and shoulders are narrow and on-ramp merging distances are reduced.

<u>I-90/ITS (Cameras & Variable Message Sign) (MP 284)</u>- Some shoulder work at times. No freeway lane restrictions.

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SR 290/Trent Avenue Bridge (MP 1)-Work has resumed on this project. Items underway involve removal of temporary work bridge structures and forms. No traffic impacts expected.

NEW!! SR 291/Suncrest to SR 231 (MP 14-33)-Depending on weather and contractor scheduling, chip seal work may begin on Thursday, July 8 in this section. While work is underway, motorists can expect loose gravel and/or fresh oil on the roadway. Expect possible slow, single-lane traffic controlled by flaggers or pilot cars. (Note: This is the section north and west of Suncrest and should not have as much impact on commute traffic as the previous work.)

<u>US 395-North Spokane Corridor/Farwell Road Lowering and Bridges</u>- Bridge pier footing work is underway. Watch for trucks entering and exiting Farwell Road from the work area. No main highway traffic impacts.

SR 20/Clark Street in Republic (MP 303)-City street work underway. Paving on Clark Street and approaches may be underway this week. This is a City of Republic project with WSDOT participation. Contact (509) 775-2929.

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